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<b>2001 Senate Bill 263</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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*Current law* permits any group or organization to apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to obtain special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles. In addition, current law enumerates several special groups that have distinguishing registration plates and pay an additional fee as a tax deductible contribution.

*2001 Senate Bill 263* establishes an additional authorized special group that may obtain special distinguishing registration plates, that is, those interested in obtaining special plates to support the efforts of the American Red Cross to provide assistance to families affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. In addition to a \$15 fee for the special plates, individuals desiring these special plates also would pay a \$25 annual fee as a tax deductible contribution that would be submitted to the American Red Cross.

*Senate Amendment 1* to the bill provides that DOT may not issue the special September 11 group plates until DOT completes its license plate redesign that is scheduled to be completed in 2003. The amendment specifies that, within 45 days of completing the license plate redesign, DOT must issue special September 11 plates with use of a decal or sticker.

2001 Senate Bill 263 was introduced by Senator Plache and others; cosponsored by Representative Jeskewitz and others. The Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and recommended the bill for passage, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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